

PRACTICE 19.3C Recognizing Complex

Read the sentences. Then, choose if the sentence is **complex or not complex**

EXAMPLE: Gloria bought pens, pencils, and paper at the store.

ANSWER: not complex

1. Tomorrow is my sister's birthday, but her party is on Saturday.
2. While officials assessed the storm damage, the governor declared a state of emergency.
3. Clara brought a housewarming gift to her new neighbor.
4. Bruce put his backpack on the floor during lunch, and he forgot it when he left.
5. When the plumber arrived, Fran showed him the leaking pipe.
6. If you visit the eye doctor, you will take a vision test.
7. I have a large collection of comics; my brother's collection is even bigger.
8. The screenplay was finalized, and the filming began.
9. The athlete from the Ukraine is the one who earned the gold medal.
10. The real estate agent who sold us our house has now retired.

PRACTICE 19.3D Distinguishing and Complex Sentences

Read the sentences. Then, label each sentence compound or complex.

EXAMPLE The building that burned was a store.

ANSWER complex

11. I visit the library often, but I never go by
12. As soon as I got home, I took a shower.
13. The small shop, which was open only on weekends, sold meat and fish.
14. My dad speaks five different languages, he doesn't travel much anymore.
15. The airport metal detector went off I was still wearing my watch.
16. Sam joined the hockey team, and he the star player.
17. My grandfather cannot hear well if there background noise.
18. Will Jody be ready when the taxi arrives?
19. I like mysteries; Juan prefers science fiction.
20. Answer quickly, before you forget the question.